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prove the exercise by him of his constitu- try of us all. tional authority "to supply our merchant ships with defensive arms, should that become necessary." It is already necessary into the German war zone. The German bird may be more shrill, but the sound of government has declared its intention to its carol cannot drown the comfortable sink such vessels on sight and to deny to words of the Boston physician. There Americans travelling on the high seas they glow in his recently published "Laythe protection guaranteed by international law to neutrals and non-combatants. The rhinitis. "Sleep all you can," says the murder of American passengers on the good doctor. "You cannot overdo it." He inveterate optimists in Washington that hours, and that many need nine or ten. Germany meant what she said.

by the Chancellor of the German Empire. In a statement nicely timed to interpret part of our enemies, there is no more to the serious sleeper? Lie on, Macduff! 'going backward.' There is only 'going

war. Under these circumstances the "which cannot now be discussed." powers asked for by the President on Mon-

President to conduct war on a miniature contemporaries who made shots at it which ities are convinced that it has contributed to scale if he could find a way to do it. He to-day are hardly recognizable. might have been tempted under such a But if Mr. Spielmann is disinclined to through a campaign conducted under very

real enemy. more than an individual can. If the things rate notion of the sound.

we have at heart are worth fighting for they are worth fighting for the fight. The fishing boat narrowly escaped being capsized, her lifeboat was smashed to fighting for, it would be cheaper and insist on fantastic forms, on the supposivon Bernstorff.

extra session would become unavoidable. erally on his title pages.

a pretext for refusing to allow the new printers were already tending toward Congress to assemble and do its necessary rigid uniformity. In the seventeenth cen-

New Nork Tribune part in preparing the country to wage tury they were very lax. Even in the war. If an extra session is assured, we latter half names were often spelled ingress vests in the President. But in the lais appears as Urquhart in one edition present crisis we still regard an extra ses- and Urchard in another. In the sixteenth To the Editor of The Tribune.

Mobilizing Good Will

It is very practical as well as very fair \$ 50 and just advice which the Council of National Defence has issued with respect to the 8,000,000 aliens within our borders. We urge upon all Americans to meet nor aggressiveness" is asked.

Tou can purchase merchandise advertised in THE TRIBUNE with absolute safety—for cision. The loyalty of the great masses sion commission, is more generous to the nounced intention of a responsible govern-

which citizens must leave to the authorities to deal with. Its gravity we would not the state of the state of the state of the state of the manhood of this nation is crying out the state of the state Germany's "overt act" has materially changed the situation in Congress. It has changed the situation in Congress. It has the German secret agents with the great the pension to be paid. As under the bill peace, then war open war by all that our of last year, the city would assume rebulk of our German population would only spension to be paid. As under the bill peace, then war open war by all that our of last year, the city would assume rebulk of our German population would only spension to be paid. As under the bill peace, then war open war by all that our of last year, the city would assume rebulk of our German population would only spension to be paid. The President asked Congress to ap- good will and devoted loyalty to the coun-

Saving Sleep

Hark not the lark. Hark rather to Dr. to arm such American ships as venture Richard Cabot. The message of the early man's Handbook of Medicine," just a little after fits and just before vasomotor Leconia has now proved even to the most adds that few adults need less than eight

Of course, this is only a start. Hereto-The crime of the submarine commander fore our lives have been handicapped by who sank the Laconia is bluntly justified alarm clocks and early breakfasts and business and all sorts of distractions. The nation has never seriously given itself to the cultivation of sleep. Ideals have been Germany's latest massacre of Americans lacking. Such cowardly phrases as "suf-Herr Von Bethmann-Hollweg said yester- ficient sleep" have stifled ambition. Dr. day: "We regret the rupture with a Cabot sets a higher standard. There is nation which by her history seemed to be inspiration in "all you can." Wonders predestined surely to work with us, not may be done if brave souls will dedicate against us. But since our honest will for themselves to service. What is eight peace has encountered only jeering on the hours, or ten hours, or even twelve hours

The Spelling of Proper Names

authorizing American merchant vessels to M. H. Spielmann makes the surprising table to the teachers without imposting authorizing American merchant vessels to arm and in empowering the President to of our ancestors to orthography must now provided for, that should be done. fit them out with guns fore and aft. It really have been governed by "a clear mo- But that does not seem quite what the ob- German methods by means of an assault will be right also in giving the President tive and deliberate intention." He is application by the city now provided the contribution by the city now provided they are reduced to concrete terms. He definite, if mysterious, purpose impelling for represents the maximum which the will soon need them and many addi- "the author who would spell (and his city authorities consider justifiable, a con-

As far as Shakespeare, Shakespear, have become puny and unimpressive. They is by no means inclined to accept Halli- It is stated that the French government has national legislative halls of a dishonorable day, however they may be interpreted, Shakspeare, Shakspere and the rest go, he will not suffice to defend American rights. well-Phillips's assumption that "it may requisitioned for the purposes of the army a They will not suffice to conduct war as it fairly be stated that all the scholars of ought to be conducted.

May I call Mr. Richards's attention to the very substantial proportion of the vintage fact that the American Rights League, whose production. In France, therefore, wine has office is at 2 West 45th Street, is a body of ought to be conducted. The only objection which could properly the subject adopt the longer form." And, the only objection which could properly the subject adopt the longer form." And, the only objection which could properly the subject adopt the longer form." And, the longe be made, in our opinion, to the granting of tions from 1623 to 1910 show clearly country, together with 40,000,000 gallons just the purpose that he suggests, and that the powers which Mr. Wilson asked was enough that among Shakespeare's editors for the use of the soldier. It would appear lief of real Americans on the present conditions agreement. not that they were too large, but that they there is nothing approaching agreement. that each officer and man receives daily half tions? If Mr. Richards will write the Amer were too elusive and indefinite. Their inShakespeare himself had several ways of
definiteness would have left it open to the
spelling his name, to say nothing of his
spelling his name, to say nothing his name, to say nothi

grant to engage in some semi-pacific en- attribute this want of consistency to care- trying conditions. The reasonable consump grant to engage in some semi-pacific en-terprise like armed neutrality. With Congress exiled from Washington, he would have been left to experiment turns. would have been left to experiment unre-He leaves such speculations to the Bacostrained with unwarlike substitutes for nian cranks, for he knows very well that war, leaving Germany to reap all the bene- most people of that age spelled as they fits of our failure to treat her as a pleased, and were not tied as we are today to a dull uniformity.

there was two or three days ago of such velop his theory a little more fully, for the a fantastic misdevelopment of American impression received by most readers of old burn and emit a sulphurous smell. The men policy. Armed neutrality would certainly books is that spelling was for long a matbe a blunder and a fizzle. A nation cannot ter of comparative indifference, provided the sea. As they did so it exploded and expect to get something for nothing, any only that it conveyed a reasonably accu- flames shot up from it to a tremendous to become martyrs for the sake of "hu-

they are worth fighting for with our last names now and are great sticklers for ounce of energy. If they are not worth orthodox spelling. Some families even honester to withdraw our objections to tion that they are ancient and authentic. They blossomed forth like flowers Germany's campaign of submarine mur- Thus we find certain branches of the fami- To spread the light of liberty der and ask the Kaiser to send back lies of French, Ford, and others beginning with F, who sign themselves with a double They cheered the brave, they freed the slave; If the President should now ask Con- lower-case initial, thus: ffrench, fford, gress to declare war against Germany- ffrauncis, etc. Presumably they have The wave of every ocean as we think he ought to do-disquiet in found their names so in some old manu- Hath dewed them with its spray; Congress over the programme which he script and concluded that they ought to Everywhere the stars above announced last Monday would cease. If be printed in the same manner. This, of Congress should declare war on its own course, is sheer ignorance and illiteracy on At a foe's command to-day? initiative, debate over the necessity of their part, since the capital F in court imposing limitations on the powers which hand was always indicated in this way. Most gallantly our grandsires the President asked would lose all its significance. A declaration of war would script. Thus Henry Fielding, the novelist,

With their beauty still ablow: harmonize all differences between Con- usually employed it in writing his name, Shall they hide within the harbor gress and the President. It would also but he would have been shocked indeed. At the cry of cravens? No! solve the extra session problem, for an if his printer had followed the copy lit-

That is the important thing to under- Speaking of Fielding, it may be recalled Let every laughing star shine out stand in considering the objections which that one of his noble kinsmen took him to have been made to the passage of the task for his spelling and asked why he Whatever peril they may meet, armed merchantmen bill, in the form departed from the established family form drafted by the President. The Tribune's -Feilding. His answer was that he sup- Beat back the shame that threatens; opposition to that bill and Republican op- posed he was the first of the Fieldings who, position in Congress to it were due to the knew how to spell. Even in his century Wherever any ship can go, feeling that its passage might be used as there was a certain laxity in spelling, but

part in preparing the country to wage tury they were very lax. Even in the Sir Walter.

that they were guided rather by whim.

Teachers' Pension Legislation

These are generous terms. They have in shame, is such a thing.

President Wilson has before this exuarial problems. The pension commission speak my part out frankly. in some cases. Pensions or insurance, un- humble duty for humanity than to be sitting in some cases. Pensions or insurance, unfortunately, cannot be obtained at bargain rates, as the experience of fraterial.

Inumble duty for numanity than to be sitting to the single definite impression which the comfortably here at home dreading lest through all the years of my life I must bear crisis appears to have left on the President's New York, Feb. 27, 1917. gain rates, as the experience of fraternal my share of a burden of shame for the self-Nor is the city in a financial condition to ideals my forefathers gave their life's blood. give all toward a pension fund which And it is not I alone who speak, but it is some of the teachers seem to require. The city, in its way, is as money-bound as

ployes is a matter of policy rather than would be a universal uprising against the people of our land. These men, along with larly to women, and in the new cra of preobligation—to encourage the rendering of policy of drifting and waiting which is cargood service and to foster continuous sergood service and to foster continuous service. It is a good policy, but the beneficiaries of it should not undertake to extract from it such contributions toward support in their old age as would prove support in their old age as would prove going as to make one, not proud, but wellnigh ashamed to be an are going, but are on the way. It is about are going, but are on the way. It is about are going, but are on the way. It is about time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time we knew, as a nation, where we are time as to make one, not are going. At the present time, as was pointed out large out and the provided out are going. Have we lost all that positive force and our faces by forcing our fag off the seas.

Have we lost all that positive force and our faces by forcing our faces of the seas. practically prohibitive from the taxpayers' quire specification?

Wine in War Time

Explosive Fish

(From The London Morning Post) were alarmed, and threw the box back into

The Stars Upon the Flag

Their mission was begun. Their mission is not done

Have kirsed them with their ray;

Bore them in the long ago, Fling forth flag from every ship

We have that now can sail; Again to greet the gale; Our sailors will not fail. Send our stars across the foam,

In freedom let them roam; There's not a loyal heart to-day SAMUEL MINTURN PECK.

THE MANHOOD OF AMERICA

He Were Fighting in France

sion as indispensable. It therefore re- century anarchy prevails. We find, for Sir: There are occasions in the affairs of To the Editor of The Tribune. existence.

nsurance organizations has demonstrated. ish cowardice of a nation for whose former THE MANHOOD OF AMERICA.

Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 20, 1917

A Woman's Protest

right, therefore, though somewhat late, in hideousness of the brutal savagery that sends distemper which has fastened upon the counhideousness of the brutal savagery that sends | distemper which has last and self- there are still obstructions placed in the ours, have accepted Mme. Barrienton as one

New York, Feb. 27, 1917.

How to Protest

tative body or committee of public spirited citizens, to allow the people of this city to tative body or committee of public spirited citizens, to allow the people of this city to protest against a cabal conducted in our national legislative halls of a dishonorable solution. And it is a dishonorable solution of the Old World is knocking our sea commerce "galley west" are choose the line of least resistance.

May I call Mr. Richards's attention to the from her Algerian colony, have been reserved this league has arranged for a mass meeting

New York, Feb. 27, 1917.

Timidity

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: It is most edifying to contrast the courage of the American government with the "timidity" of the ship owners who are causing financial loss to the country by A message from Sulen, near the entrance has as yet committed no overt act. The forfishermen found a wooden box floating on to Germany by withholding armament from the sea. They took it on board their vessel, the ship owners who beseech him for procontaining fish. The fish suddenly began to by his patience. After the experiences of the past two years one would be astonished to see his patience give out, even should the timid ship owners pick up sufficient courage manity.' ALEXANDER PETRUNKEVITCH.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 27, 1917.

The Good Samaritan

withhold commendation for to-day's.

typifies the American people, and I stoutly deny that were we given the opportunity to decide which character we wish to enact there would not be one moment's nesitation. Even the bulk of those whose mistake puts Wood- saries of life while it has the power to pre- tral rights by Britain as we show at the same record. Here she sings the high F sharp with second term would-I venture to say-un-The doubting figure in the roadway must be the extent of relieving the present situation changed to depict Woodrow Wilson.

JOSEPH K. GOODRICH.

New York, Feb. 27, 1917.

The Emptiness of Words To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: What is the use of the President reiterating his talk about the rights of humanity? How should he do anything for humanity's rights who has not been able-or willing-to perform the simpler duty of caring for the rights of his own countrymen? I should think even he, in love as he is with his own words, could see the glaring empti ness of them, and how they lay him open to ridicule. AN AMERICAN WOMAN. Morristown, N. J., Feb. 28, 1917.

THE PRESIDENT'S LATEST PHRASE

do not care what war powers this Con- differently—thus the translator of Rabe- The Reasons Why One American Wishes "Armed Neutrality" Regarded as the Utterance of a Man Who Has No Policy and Wishes to Have None

Sir: For three weary weeks, since rela- "timidity" of American ship owners in keep- M.'s tirade in The Tribune of February 23

mains the duty of the Republicans in Con- instance, Kaleigh, Kalei That man, living on an unguarded frontier, part patriotically abstained from criticism of ping has compelled him to take some sort of his belief that writers and printers were whose life has been threatened by an outlaw the President. It was felt that he should be action. mis benefit that writers and printers were does not make his danger less real by saying left free and unembarrassed to deal with a moved by mesthetic considerations he ought does not make his danger less real by saying which Mr. Wilson is willing to does not make his danger less real by saying lett free and unconstructed to dear the last thing which Mr. Wilson is willing to he belittles the art of a gifted foreign singer to himself that there is no danger; nor does momentous issue concerning which it was

made futile and superfluous most of the discussion in Washington about the conus toward a solution. In the rare excepto teachers already retired, and in additional denied. Yet there are things more horrible, Mr. Wilson's latest address. It is of excest the latest catchword, "armed neutrality" ditions under which American merchantditions under which American merchantmen should be armed.

us toward a solution. In the rare exceptore to teachers already retired, and in addition and the spectacle of a mighty nation morally sive length, it is replete with fine phrases, and the spectacle of a mighty nation morally sive length, it is replete with fine phrases, and the spectacle of a mighty nation morally sive length, it is replete with fine phrases, and the spectacle of a mighty nation morally sive length, it is replete with fine phrases, and the spectacle of a mighty nation morally sive length, it is replete with fine phrases, and the spectacle of a mighty nation morally sive length, it is replete with fine phrases, and it fails to advance the situation by one degenerate, shrinking from the acceptance of hair's breadth. The one thing definite that study by accountants familiar with actuarial pressed a desire to know what is going on in the minds of the people. Therefore I shall the minds of the people. I am young, successful, and have the best as you point out in your editorial this morn- with any degree of complacency the handing ers' pension system on a fair and sound of life before me. I have, in short, every ing, is a request for further authority of so over of the country bound and gagged for the ers' pension system on a fair and sound of life before me. I have, in short, every ling, is a request for further authority of so over time country of the dealistic experimentalism of Dr. Wilson, assisted by Colonel House. It is necessary, war or as authority to refrain from making old pension scheme did. The contributions pasis, which would be permanent and not reason to ching to life and desire to the interpreted either as authority to make the interpreted either as authority to make war or as authority to refrain from making in simple honesty that I would rather be together than the idealistic experimentalism of Dr. Wilson, assisted by Colonel House. It is necessary, therefore, that public opinion should be rainfered either as authority to refrain from making in simple honesty that I would rather be together than the idealistic experimentalism of Dr. Wilson, assisted by Colonel House. It is necessary, the idealistic experimentalism of Dr. Wilson, assisted by Colonel House. It is necessary, the idealistic experimentalism of Dr. Wilson, assisted by Colonel House. It is necessary, no matter how great the provocation or form teachers thus required may be high

Aborn enterprise.

to define it. The probability seems to be he disprove its existence by remaining safe probable that he had information that was take. So far as it is possible to arrive at within his own house with the door barred not at the dispersal of the ordinary man. Pa- any definite conclusion from the vague gen-His so remaining is itself an acknowledg- tience under the long delay was hard, but on eralities in which he indulged before Conment of the state of duress in which he is the whole it has been admirably exercised. gress, one is forced reluctantly to the con-Now at last the President has spoken. He clusion that his address was the speech of a Metropolitan should be the home of only changed manner and with unprejudiced teachers of the city are divided in sentimind." An attitude of "neither suspicion ment regarding the teachers' pension bill are held in duress by the threat of the Ger. It is the privilege, indeed it is the duty, of affairs of the country in a spirit just introduced at Albany. And, as was man Empire. When that gove ment served upon us official notice that its naval vessels or condemnation of that policy. It is the the case last year, this division may would sink on sight American merchant ships more necessary that the right of comment cism of lack of policy which the Constitution (and just as truly to America as to any other Entered at the Postonice at New York as Second Class
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American communities, we confidently believe. Already the bulk of our German

if it is not eliminated. The present bill lieve. Already the bulk of our German if it is not eliminated. The present bill, announced the inception of a state of war President Wilson could devote himself unhampered to the world's great composers. You can purchase merchandise advertised population have made their difficult de-If dissatisfaction results in any case THE of German-born Americans has made teachers than its predecessor. Under its if dissatisfaction results in any case THE of German-born Americans has made teachers than its predecessor. Under its ment to commit an act of war is tantamount of the commission itself, and this condition of the very representatives of America on the Constitution which can commel the President of the Constitut TRIBUNE guarantees to pay your money back upon request. No red tape. No quibbling. We upon request. No red tape. No quibbling. We The spy problem is a separate question which citizens must leave to the authorities to deal with. Its gravity we would not payment may be reduced on a sliding scale. of phrases it is, from "watchful waiting," down through "strict accountability,"

Congress now to deliver undefined powers to to confer on him authority to arm merchant an Executive whose only policy is admittedly one of vague opportunism fesses, is already his. In addition to this, trayal of duty. It is difficult to contemplate

MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR WOMEN "ILL FARES THE LAND"

Men Decaying in Materialistic America

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Have we no red blood in our veins, that we them. We have certainly enjoyed a halycon indulgence.

Where wealth accumulates and men decay." education. And the majority of women want the very best medical preparation procuradevelopment the sound of jingling gold in cur pockets has, indeed, made us deaf to all of a co-ed college in this state increased the We are about to engage in a real war with Germany, because Germany is not going to let us indulge in any make-believe war. Under these circumstances the we to remain asleep in a fools' paradise and

will flare forth when the test comes, as it ment to them. MAUDE GLASGOW, M. D. New York, Feb. 26, 1917.

soon must come! Is it inappropriate to quote, with slight

modification:
"The despot's heel is on thy shore,

America, America; His hand is at thy temple door, America, America. AMERICAN CITIZEN.

New York, Feb. 22, 1917.

Congress Responsible for Food Trouble

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Indian got the deer if it was not beyond the reach of his gun. If there is no food to be there is no alternative but to do as the Indian did when game disappeared.

The situation in this country is seemingly plain to everybody but to Congress. Or, if it s also plain to Congress, Congress may view it differently from the rest of us. Congress may feel that we have no right to interfere To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I have nearly always felt like commending your cartoons directed against the present Administration's method, but I must may accrue to them through the bloody murder across the ocean, regardless of the dis-tress it may entail on the consumer, and esfestly intended to be Uncle Sam. Uncle Sam typines the American people, and I stoutly American charity dispensed in Belgium. But whatever view Congress may take of this matter, it has not the moral right to per-

mit this country to be depleted of the necesand warding off possible famine, just that long will the people believe this remissness that murder is more reprehensible than lar-responsible for their troubles and the ceny, even admitting that Britain goes to the troubles to come. Every ship now that leaves our shores accentuates distress; yet Cottleville, Mo., Feb. 25, 1917.

A Nation?

"The United States a Nation Once Again"?

JAMES M. REID. Granite Springs, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1917.

Wealth Accumulating, but Idealism and No First Grade Institution Now Offers a Complete Course for Them

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I trust the editorial in your issue of Sir: The appeal of Dean Gildersleeve to great many teachers that the city is under | New York City for funds to | Sir: I am only a woman, but if all the February 19 struck a responsive chord in the the citizens of New York City for funds to a legal obligation to maintain a pension citizens of the United States feel as I do hearts of all American citizens. "Yellow Dog secure adequate physical accommodations for Americanism" is a fitting description of the women students at the College of Physicians tions shall be more or less nominal. The reaches no decision," "the President can-brand of patriotism Congressman Moore and and Surgeons should not fall upon deaf cars. city's interest in pension funds for its em- not propose definite measures yet," etc., there Minority Leader Mann are displaying to the Any phase of the healing art appeals pecul-

> Miss Gildersleeve has shown, there is not because she happened to be born in Spain yet a single medical college of first rank in pure chauvinism "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, education. And the majority of women want by any age. Mme. Barrientos did not get ble. Some years ago when the medical school

The capitalistic, the laboring and the length of the medical course from three to

not set the alarm clock, for fear its loud clamor may upset industrial profits?

May God grant that the spirit of '76 still survives somewhere in our midst and that it survives somewhere in our midst and that it survives somewhere the test comes as it.

An Old-Fashioned Connoisseur's Views

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I have followed with considerable interest the controversy started in "The Art stature of the vocal giants singing there.

F. D. G. World" and carried on in The Tribune as to the merits and demerits of Manet's picture "Luncheon on the Grass." All the critics have been very profuse in their discussions of the subject matter of the painting, but seem | To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Food is admittedly different from all to have almost entirely neglected any con-

other commodities. We require it to sustain sideration of its value as a work of art. life. Without life nothing matters. Every- If the æthetic value of a work depends thing else must be secondary to that. The solely on "form," using the word in the interesting. The merit or demerit of an intying up our shipping, although Germany Indian got out with his gun. The food prob- broadest sense to cover outline, arrangement, dividual singer is always a matter more or lem occasioned him no anxiety if game was color, etc., and this form is the basis of less debatable. But do you not think it abundant. When it was scarce he went emotional pleasure in a work of art, what abundant. When it was a started to started the started to start the hear to-day with the memory of a voice we Civilization has substituted money for the story of the picture, and the reasons which heard years ago? Especially do I consider the Civilized man now goes out with that. led to its painting, in a criticism thereof? If If there is food he gets it. He gets it if it is it give emotional pleasure without any relanot beyond the reach of his purse, just as the tion to the subject, it is a waste of breath to consider its licentiousness or the decadent had or the means to secure it are insufficient attitude of the painter; it is very probably true that the crotic stimulus is the most potent for good work with certain men. Should their work be condemned on that ac- for depth of feeling in interpretation, for the

This letter does not pretend in any sente to be concerned with the painting which has been discussed at such length, but is merely a protest against the type of criticism which has been so freely indulged in. New York, Feb. 27, 1917.

Germany, Britain and the Neutrals

same resentment at the infringement of neu- ment," of which there is a talking machine vent it. Just as long as it fails to act, just conduct by Germany. It is commonly said in the utmost case and purity no less than five row Wilson in the Presidential chair for a that long will it be remiss in its duty. Just reply that we only suffer a property loss at as long as it fails to restrict exportations to the hands of Britain, while Germany's submarine operations entail the loss of life, and that murder is more reprehensible than larlength of the latter crime.

> leaves our shores accentuates distress, yet of the conduct of our discriminative judgment of the conduct of the two belligerents, and it prevent it. ERNEST DEBERTSHAUSER.
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> Cattleville, Mo., Feb. 25, 1917.
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> OPERAGOER.
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> New York, Feb. 27, 1917. that it ignores the essential facts of the case, namely, that Britain is fighting in de fence of neutral rights the inalienable rights To the Editor of The Tribune.
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> Sir: We are making a great display of the Stars and Stripes these days, and we duly and religiously stand when the air is played, weaker nations and the sole in the sole in the last weaker nations and the sole in the last stars.
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> To the Editor of The Tribune.
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> Sir: And now "Packey" McCabe turns Sir: And now "Packey" much by innuendo charges and religiously stand when the air is played, weaker nations and the sole in the last stars. and religiously stand when the air is played, weaker nations and the sole reliance of the but when are we going to be able to sing great neutral which ought to be, but is not. able to protect itself against sudden attack.

F. A. HENRY. Morristown, N. J., Feb. 25, 1917.

ONLY SUPERLATIVE ART

Regardless of Nativity That Is What the

Metropolitan Must Offer To the Editor of The Tribune. mind is a feeling of indignation that the Sir: There is much that is just in P. N

> But he himself exhibits a provincialism as and insists on the substitution of home grown talent for world-recognized genius is a house whose standards forbid any ill judged "patriotic" experimentation. world acknowledged superlative art, whather the source of that art is America or not

> If F. N. M. is so bent on Americanizing the Metropolitan stage, why does he exult se American should be a member of that proud galaxy. For how does Miss Farrar, this America's greatest opera house? ing to stand up while "The Star-Spangled Banner" was being played, as was recen

> Yet F. N. M., in his championing of an 'American" singer with a not very American sounding name (Edith Helena)—a singer with a voice fine and well trained enough, but with nothing of the miraculous about ! -sees fit to belittle Mme, Barrientos's voice a voice the like of which has not yet been heard on the Metropolitan stage or in this country! One can understand and sympathize with

F. N. M.'s "bitter disappointment," however. The worthy soul probably went to hear Barrientos, expecting to be soul-satisfyingly deafened by the immortal Carus' and to have is eardrums deliciously shattered high C shricks of a soprano with Carus' own welkin-ringing powers. what does he hear? A miraculous silver thread of a voice; infinitely flexible nfinitely sweet; capable of taking a note righ E as true as if sounded on a master' dolin-but light enough to be out" at times by the hard working Mr Carus' giving the public its money's worth

I should like to wager that Mr. M., despite his sterling and strenuous Simply because he very obviously measur 'lightness," is no less than a miracle, one thing that is priceless because of its exc

tivity counts for nothing, and where th average musical intelligence as well as stand profession for which she is peculiarly adapted ands of criticism are undeniably higher than way of women obtaining a first class medical of the greatest coloratura sopranos produces there because of a legitimate curiosity on the

There would not be any field for American It may be in the near future physicians of this country by bringing the world's great

> There is plenty of scope for American artists on the stages of the institutions which the example of the Metropolitan brought into being. And there have been and will be American singers on the stage of the Metro-

> politan itself, which is ever ready to re ceive them when they have reached the

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Miss Hempel's Voice

Sir: The letter in to-day's issue signed by "H. G. O.," referring to various artistic co. ditions at the Metropolitan Opera House, a exclamation point after the sentence, "Com pare Miss Hempel with Mme. Sembrich," most unjust to Miss Hempel, although "H. G. O."

seems to be an admirer of her voice Now, I, too, am a warm admirer of the art of Mme. Sembrich, but I admire no less that of Miss Hempel. For elegance of artistry sense of musical rhythm and understanding, for stage presence, for histrionic ability, for lusciousness of voice, I fail to see wherein Miss Hempel does not measure up to the high standards set by Mme. Sembrich.

The only criticism that might justly be directed at Miss Hempel is that since her ar rival in America those wonderful high notes of hers which amazed and enthralled Euro peans have been slightly veiled, due, doubt less, to overwork and little rest. What these times. This is a note which no other presentmuch higher than the highest notes sung in

"Rigoletto" or "Traviata. It is to be hoped that after the end of this very successful season for her Miss Hempel will take a long rest, when these remarkabl I have not met with any other than this top notes will doubtless return to thrill and

"Lucia,"

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campaign.

The impeachers are beginning to impeach the impeachers.

ARTHUR CONE.

the impeachers. New York, Feb. 23, 1917.